

Attorney Docket No. 03/071 K  
Customer No. 38263

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER *et al.*  
Application No.: 10/568,381  
Filed: February 14, 2006  
For: INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK

Group Art Unit: 1794  
Examiner: E. S. WOOD  
Confirmation No.: 1036

**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED UNDER**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina  
April 1, 2010

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 24, 2010 associated with the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2009, please enter the following Amendment and accompanying Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified application. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for 1-month Extension of Time and credit card form.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this paper.